STATE OF MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 99-528

August 9, 1999

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY Request for Approval of Special Rate Contract between CMP and the Town of Rockport ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF DECISION

By this Order, the Commission approves a special rate contract between Central Maine Power Company (CMP) and the Town of Rockport (Rockport) for street-lighting (SL) service.

DISCUSSION

On August 3, 1999, CMP filed with this Commission a proposed 15-year special rate contract for SL service to Rockport. CMP acknowledged that given the length of the contract term, the contract does not comply with the conditions in the ARP, that allow contracts to become effective automatically upon the expiration of 30 days. In order that Rockport's August bill reflect the agreed upon rates, CMP requested that the Commission review and approve this contract by August 13, 1999.

Under the terms of the special rate contract, Rockport will pay rates consistent with those in effect at the time CMP and Rockport agreed on the SL service specifications, through February 29, 2000; after February 29, 2000, Rockport will pay the regular tariff rate (Rate SL).

Based on our review, we find this contract to be reasonable and will, therefore, allow it to go into effect.

Accordingly, we

ORDER

1. That the proposed special rate contract between Central Maine Power Company and the Town of Rockport filed on August 3, 1999 is approved, and may take effect as of the date of this Order.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 9th day of August, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch

Nugent

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Diamond

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

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- 1. <u>Reconsideration</u> of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
- 2. <u>Appeal of a final decision</u> of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73 et seq.
- 3. <u>Additional court review</u> of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (5).

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